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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

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Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT:

Civilian Space Policy

1. [REDACTED] Action Requested: None. For your information only.

2. Background:

a. [REDACTED] The President has asked that Dr. Frank Press, the President's Science Advisor, convene the NSC Space Policy Review Committee (SPRC), established recently under NSC/PD-37, to prepare by 1 September an interagency civilian space policy options paper (see Attachment 1). A meeting of the SPRC to discuss the President's instructions and resolve the issue that will set the dimensions of the review is scheduled for 21 June. The policy options will be subsequently addressed by seven proposed interagency task forces (see below and Attachment 1, Tab B).

b. (S) The issues to be addressed are:

<u>Title</u>	<u>DCI Interest</u>	<u>DCI Membership on Task Force</u>
[REDACTED]	High	Yes
II. Strategy for Space Sciences and Planetary Exploration	Low	No
III. Government and Private Role in Remote Sensing	Low/Moderate	Yes
IV. Public Service Satellites and Communications R&D	Low/Moderate	No
V. Long-Term Economic Activity in Space	Low	No
VI. Separation Between Civil, Military, and National Intelligence Space Programs	High	Yes

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VII. Expression and Public	Moderate	Yes
Statement of		
Administration's Broad		
Policy Goals		

We have been asked to participate on the task forces on all issues of at least moderate interest to us.

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- I have assumed that you would like to attend the first SPRC meeting and I have therefore asked ☐ to prepare a briefing book for you and, since I will be on TDY, accompany you to the first SPRC meeting.

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- Subsequent to the first SPRC meeting, I assume that you will want me to attend most of the routine SPRC meetings as your principal representative and I am planning to do so.

- I will establish an intelligence community working group to prepare community positions on the issues and coordinate on issues as they arise. Members of this working group will also serve on the SPRC interagency task forces as appropriate.

25X1 d. ☐ It is interesting to note that the actions that ☐ is taking are consistent with those that we proposed in our 17 May 1978 memo (see Attachment 2); "PRM-23 will establish a National Space Subcommittee, to be chaired by the President's Science Advisor, to afford a forum to all federal agencies for their policy views and to review and advise on proposed changes to national space policy. I feel that it would be advisable for a policy statement of this importance to be first considered in that forum and I recommend that it be withheld until proper participation and coordination can be obtained."

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Attachments:

1. Civilian Space Policy
2. Civil Space and Aeronautics Policy

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